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NOTE VERBALE DATED 14 SEPTEMBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF PERU ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS AT MURUROA ATOLL ON 5 SEPTEMBER

The Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to transmit to it an official communiqué issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs relating to the conduct of French nuclear tests at Mururoa atoll on 5 September.

The Permanent Mission of Peru would be very grateful if the secretariat would distribute this communiqué as an official document following translation into the official languages of the United Nations.

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1. The Government of Peru, having learned of the nuclear explosion carried out today at Mururoa atoll, deeply regrets that the French Government did not respond favourably to the international community's appeal to suspend such tests.

2. For all the South Pacific countries the conduct of the French nuclear tests represents a potential risk to the marine environment in the face of which Peru has been and will remain vigilant, in particular through our radiological safety machinery and checks coordinated with the other Pacific basin countries.

3. The Government of Peru firmly appeals once again to the French Government to suspend the remaining tests that have been announced, and in this regard is maintaining permanent contacts with the member countries of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS), the Rio Group and the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL).

Lima, 5 September 1995

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